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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Attached is our Response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2005 regarding the above-referenced patent application.

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Title: SELF-ATTACHING FEMALE FASTENER ELEMENT AND
METHOD OF INSTALLATION

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

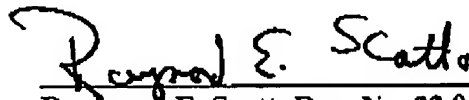
The following is responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed October 6, 2005.

The Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the claims of Group I drawn to a method for installing a self-attaching female fastener in a metal panel, Claims 1 to 11. This election is made *with traverse* because the limitations of Claims 12 to 14 of Group II drawn to a self-attaching fastener are also in Claims 1 to 11. Thus, the claimed method of installing the self-attaching fastener as defined in Claims 1 to 11 *cannot be made* without the self-attaching fastener of Claims 12 to 14, and the Restriction Requirement is improper.

Although it is believed that no fee is due for the filing of this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayments regarding this Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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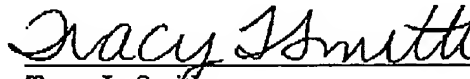


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